## Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

	Original		Updated		Corrected		Supplemental			
LRB	Number	05-2710/1		Intro	duction Num	nber <b>A</b>	B-1113			
<b>Descri</b> Motor		ents while usin	g a cellular telep	hone, cellu	ılar telephone de	ealers, and	providing a penalty			
Fiscal	Effect									
Local:	□ No State Fiscal Effect □ Indeterminate □ Increase Existing Appropriations □ Decrease Existing Appropriations □ Create New Appropriations □ Decrease Costs □ Decrease Costs									
Fund Sources Affected  Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations  GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS s.20.550(1)(d)										
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives SPD 3/20/2006

LRB Number	05-2710/1	Introduction Number	AB-1113	Estimate Type	Original				
<b>Description</b> Motor vehicle accidents while using a cellular telephone, cellular telephone dealers, and providing a penalty									

## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The State Public Defender (SPD) provides legal representation in criminal cases and other specified proceedings in which the loss of personal liberty or parental rights may occur. For adult clients, the SPD must complete a financial eligibility evaluation before appointing an attorney. SPD services are constitutionally required because in the case types handled by SPD, a defendant without the financial means to hire an attorney has the right to have an attorney appointed. Therefore, any bill that would increase the number of cases handled by SPD would increase SPD costs.

This bill creates a new traffic offense for which, depending on the extent of injury, the SPD may be required to appoint counsel. SPD cannot estimate the number of cases that would be charged under the new criminal offense, and of those, how many would meet the SPD's financial eligibility criteria, but we could track the cases after the new offenses take effect.

The other provision of the bill, which requires those selling or leasing cellular phones to provide written warnings does not have a criminal penalty, thus would have no fiscal effect to the SPD.

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**